

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present    **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Johnson, Kosolowsky, Johansson, and Quibell  
              **Staff:**     Becky Mercereau, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with Mayor Harwood presiding.

**FINANCIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society**

Mr. Harwood was present in support of the application and stated that the grant funding would help with following proposed projects:

- rewiring of the kitchen to minimize circuit overloads;
- replacing the rug in the basement hallway;
- replacing front steps into the kitchen; and
- ongoing operation and maintenance costs.

Council questioned the reasons for why the rug had gotten wet and will need to be replaced. He advised that there have been water issues in the bar and the carpet does not dry out properly when it gets wet.

Councillor Anderson stated she had a conflict of interest as she is employed by the Hudson's Hope Public Library and left the meeting.

**Hudson's Hope Public Library**

Mrs. McTaggart and Mr. Lindsay were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- there have been increases to staff hours to cover for when other staff are on training courses;
- increases to fees have occurred with administration and accounting;
- the children's program has been increased due to an increase in the attendance numbers;
- travel costs have increased to allow for four members of the Library Board to attend the annual conference in Richmond; and
- a new computer system being introduced to the Library.

Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting.

**Hudson's Hope Historical Society**

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Bolliger were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- they have broadened the funding base and receiving grants from the North East Native Advancing Society, BC Hydro, Gaming Direct Access, BC 150 Year, Heritage Legacy Fund and other sources;

- have held a Heritage Trivia Quiz night at the Library that was very successful;
- are planning to participate in the Heritage Week and host a National Aboriginal Day;
- will be discussing plans for the museum expansion this year;
- the museum coordinator will be working 37.5 hours per week
- some wage funds for staff will be paid from grant monies received; and
- the NENAS grant money will be used to fund the Aboriginal Day and help with other projects such as digitizing photos and doing renovations on museum.

They also requested to use the District tent and have the rental fees waived for the National Aboriginal Day to be held on June 23, 2008. They requested an early payment of approximately \$15,000, if approved.

#### **The Arts & Cultural Society on the Edge**

Mrs. Ward and Mr. Lindsay were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- have increased the grant amount by \$1,000 from last years amount;
- last year they employed two people through funds provided by Service Canada, however, the employee moved and the supervisor position was terminated as well due to the other employees absence;
- they are hoping to have more live performances and demonstrations;
- will be hosting a pilot art camp for both youth and adults; and
- the Duffle Bag Theatre will be coming to do their performance.

#### **Hudson's Hope Music Festival**

Mrs. Adams and Mr. Michel were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival in Hudson's Hope;
- they hired the Canadian Rangers last year for security as suggested by Council;
- have built permanent outhouses which will save on the costs of renting them each year and they have been approved by the health inspector;
- a head liner is being brought in to help bring more spectators; and
- they are asking that the District grant be used to pay for the hired bands, if approved.

They also requested to use the District tent, tables and chairs and have the rental fees waived.

#### **Reviving the Spirit Community Theatre**

Mr. Metzger was present in support of the application and stated the following:

- storage space is required to store all the supplies and props for the performances;
- the Pearkes Centre has storage space that can be rented for \$900.00 per year; and
- there is a spring production and two fall productions planned for this year.

Councillor Quibell entered the meeting.

#### **Double H Saddle Club**

Ms. Ardill was present in support of the application and stated the following:

- recently the water line going to the automatic water trough cracked;

- they have decided this would be the time to upgrade their existing water system to help prevent the spread of diseases amongst their stock;
- they discussed the types of proposed upgrades to the water system including digging the pipes deeper and putting heat tape on the pipes;
- they are also looking at upgrading their pens to free-standing panels which will make them easier to move when cleaning and can be rearranged when needed;
- the annual rodeo has made money over the past few years and will be held in Hudson's Hope again this year;
- they have changed the rental fee structure to have non-members paying more rental fees than members for boarding animals at the arena facilities;
- the fees for boarding are less than the surrounding communities fees because the facilities are not at the same standards as the others; and
- in the future the club may look at building better boarding facilities.

### **Cameron Lake Outdoor Education and Environmental Studies Centre**

Mr. MacDonald was present in support of the application and stated the following:

- the buildings at the centre require new insulation as they are burning more propane than should normally be used;
- the windows are also an issue but would be a large cost;
- the centre is mostly used by students from the Hudson's Hope School; and
- the centre is owned by the School District No. 60.

Council questioned whether they should fund this request as it may set a precedent for funding other projects for this centre. Council suggested that they may write a letter to School District No. 60 to urge them to put more funding toward the Cameron Lake Outdoor Education Centre.

### **Bullhead Mountain Curling Club**

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Messer were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- they would like to complete the spectator enhancement project which would include installing cameras at the far end of the ices with audio and video equipment in the lounge;
- they are also considering purchasing new equipment to be used by new members who have never curled before and also purchasing new sticks for the stick curling; and
- they would like to use some funds to help keep the membership affordable for residents.

### **Hudson's Hope Junior Canadian Rangers**

Mr. Biever and Miss MacDonald were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- explained how the Junior Canadian Rangers program works;
- explained that they want to purchase a trail slay to transport gear and equipment;
- it was advised that the quote for the slay has now been reduced to \$588.00;
- this slay would be owned by the Junior Canadian Rangers and could be used by the community;
- this slay would be used about once a month by the Junior Canadian Rangers and would be used by the Canadian Ranges about six times a year; and
- this slay is lighter with a top cover and higher sides than the slay purchased by the RCMP.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell  
"That this special meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:55 pm)

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Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor